## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	May 29, 2019
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2019-177-Е
UTILITIES MATTER	<b>✓</b>	ORDER NO.	2019-392

## THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

## **SUBJECT:**

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-177-E</u> - <u>Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Revisions to Net Energy Metering Tariff</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Revisions to Net Energy Metering Tariff.

## **COMMISSION ADVISED**

On May 16, 2019, the Governor signed into law H. 3659 (which is now designated as R. 82). This Act, known as the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act, amends S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-20(B) to provide, in part, that "[a]n electrical utility shall make net energy metering available to all customer-generators who apply before June 1, 2021, according to the terms and conditions provided to all parties in Commission Order No. 2015-194. Customer-generators who apply for net metering after the effective date of this act but before June 1, 2021, including subsequent owners of the customer-generator facility or premises, may continue net energy metering service as provided for in Commission Order No. 2015-194 until May 31, 2029."

In response to R. 82, Dominion has filed revisions to its net metering tariff, and those revisions are before us today.

First, Dominion has filed to rename its existing tariff entitled "Rider to Retail Rates – Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities ("NEM")" as "Rider to Retail Rates – Second Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities ("NEM")" and has revised the tariff to reflect its closure effective May 4, 2019. In Docket No. 2019-2-E, Dominion informed this Commission that it expected to achieve the 2% net energy metering threshold in April 2019, and that it would continue to accept applications through May 3, 2019. Thereafter, by correspondence dated May 16, 2019, related to Docket 2014-246-E, Dominion notified this Commission that it had achieved the 2.0% NEM threshold set forth in then-current state law.

Next, to conform with R. 82, Dominion has revised its old tariff known as "Rider to Retail Rates – Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities ("NEM")" and renamed it "Rider to Retail Rates – Third Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities ("NEM")." This conforming tariff is similar to Dominion's previously-approved net metering rider with changes to align the tariff with the provisions contained in R. 82, including

- language making the availability of the rider to customer-generators who apply for Net Energy Metering service from May 17, 2019 through May 31, 2021,
- eliminating the 2% net metering threshold language required prior to enactment of R. 82,
- amending the definition of "Customer-generator"
- and changing other dates to conform to the new dates established in R. 82.

Because Dominion's filings are made to conform its net energy metering tariff to R. 82, I move that the Commission

- 1. close Dominion's "Rider to Retail Rates Second Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities ("NEM")" effective May 4, 2019, and
- 2. approve of Dominion's "Rider to Retail Rates Third Net Energy Metering for Renewable Energy Facilities effective May 16, 2019.

PRESIDING:	<u>Randall</u>				SI	ESSION:	Regula	<u>ar</u>	TIME:	2:00 p.m.
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER						
BELSER	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>								
ERVIN		<b>✓</b>								
HAMILTON		<b>✓</b>								
HOWARD		<b>✓</b>								
RANDALL		<b>✓</b>								
WHITFIELD		<b>✓</b>								
WILLIAMS		<b>✓</b>								
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